

ANSWERS TO ALL YOUR COMMENCEMENT QUESTIONS (OR WHAT SHOULD I DO GRADUATION AFTERNOON?)

WHO?: All those who plan to participate in the **Commencement Ceremony**.

WHEN?: Friday, May 9. **Please arrive by 12:30 PM.** TRAFFIC IS HEAVY AROUND THE UNIVERSITY ON COMMENCEMENT MORNING – IF YOU ARRIVE LATE YOU MAY NOT MAKE IT IN TIME TO LINE UP!

WHERE?: On the **street in front of Stevenson House** (on College Road, directly across from the campus front lawn). In the event of rain, Commencement will be held in the Convocation Center (graduates should go to the Intramural Gym).

GUESTS: If the ceremony is outside, you may have as many guests as you like. If we have to move inside because of rain, please limit your guests to eight. No tickets are necessary for either venue.

WHAT?: **WEAR YOUR CAP AND GOWN.**

HOW?: Proceed to the table and Records Office personnel will hand you your name card. Your card will have your name, number in line (the order in which you will march), and honors if you are receiving any. Note: Honors hand-written on the card will NOT be read during the ceremony.

If you wish to have your name read differently than is printed on the front of the card, you may cross off the printed name and print it as you would like to have it read (*no nicknames, only given names*).

Your name card will have your number in line printed in the upper left corner, please proceed to the correct sign based on your number and get in line. PLEASE DO NOT WANDER OFF AND VISIT WITH FRIENDS, there will be plenty of time for that after the ceremony. After you pick up your card, please go and find your place in line.

Please pay careful attention to all instructions given about lining up and marching; remember, you want to make yourself and your family proud!

Processional: The marshals will direct seating, please follow them and do as they direct.

Receiving your diploma cover: McKendree staff will direct you when it is time to go forward to pick up your diploma cover. **TAKE YOUR NAME CARD WITH YOU WHEN YOU GO FORWARD TO GET YOUR DIPLOMA COVER!!**

PLEASE NOTE: Participation in the Commencement Ceremony is *not* a guarantee of graduation. Degrees are conferred for May graduates on May 31 and for July graduates on July 31 provided all requirements for the degree are met.